

1 By

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H.C.R. No. 15

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5 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
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7 WHEREAS, The citizens of Hallettsville and Lavaca County
8 were greatly saddened by the death, at the age of 58, of Lavaca
9 County Judge Gus J. Strauss on Saturday, July 11, 1970; and

10 WHEREAS, Born in Shiner, Texas, on February 12, 1912, the
11 son of Charles and Caroline Strauss, this distinguished gentleman
12 was a graduate of Hallettsville High School and St. Edward's
13 University in Austin; he received a bachelor of arts degree
14 from St. Edward's University in 1933, and the university presented
15 him an honorary law degree in 1944; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Strauss had served as a public official since
17 1934, when he was elected district clerk of Lavaca County,
18 succeeding his father; he held that office until 1941, when he
19 was named director of the Gas Utilities Division of the Texas
20 Railroad Commission; and

21 WHEREAS, He was elected to the Texas Senate in 1946 and
22 represented the 15th District until 1956; he was president of the
23 Senate in 1954 and served as acting governor for a day; and

24 WHEREAS, He was appointed county judge in 1957 following the
25 death of Judge Paul H. Fertsch and served in that post until his
26 untimely death; and

27 WHEREAS, Judge Strauss had been active in church and civic
28 affairs; he was especially active in the Catholic Church; and

29 WHEREAS, He was state deputy of the Knights of Columbus
30 from July 1, 1941, to June 30, 1946; he was past grand knight of
31 the Father Mathis Knights of Columbus Council of Hallettsville; he
32 was also a third degree member of the Hallettsville Council and
33 a member of the 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus in
34 Yoakum; and

35 WHEREAS, Judge Strauss received a medal in 1952 from the
36 National Catholic Rural Life Conference for his efforts in
37 getting legislation passed on farm-to-market roads, soil and
38 water conservation and home ownership; he was also instrumental
39 in having legislation passed for the Hallettsville flood control
40 project in 1958; and

41 WHEREAS, In 1964, Judge Strauss was presented a plaque for
42 outstanding service to the Hallettsville Chamber of Commerce, and
43 in 1969, he received the Fort Worth Press nomination as the
44 outstanding professional man of the year in soil and water
45 conservation; and

46 WHEREAS, He had served as president of the Hallettsville
47 Lions Club from 1956 to 1960, and was a Lions International
48 district governor during the 1960-61 year; and

49 WHEREAS, Judge Strauss was an outstanding individual, a
50 man whose love for his fellow citizens and his state guided him
51 throughout his long career of public service; his honesty and
52 integrity remained unquestionable throughout his many years in
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1 WHEREAS, Judge Struass was a kind and compassionate man,
2 a devoted husband and dedicated father; he was a man with many
3 friends who will not soon forget him; and

4 WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Lee
5 Elstner, to whom he was married on September 2, 1936; two sons,
6 Olin Strauss of Jourdanton and Gus J. Strauss, Jr., of Yoakum;
7 a daughter, Mrs. Mary Rose Grafe of Houston; two brothers,
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9 Mrs. John Kvinta of Yoakum, Miss Annie Strauss of Hallettsville,
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11 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature wishes to pay tribute
12 to Judge Gus J. Strauss for his many contributions to Lavaca
13 County and to the State of Texas, and to extend sympathy to the
14 members of his family; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 62nd Legislature, 3rd Called Session, the Senate concurring,
17 That this Resolution stand in memory of Judge Gus J. Strauss,
18 outstanding individual, respected public official and genuine
19 friend of the people of Texas; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That official copies of this Resolution be
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22 sympathy from the Legislature of the State of Texas, and that
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Lieutenant Governor
President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

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I hereby certify that H.C.R. No. 15 was unanimously adopted
by a rising vote of the House on June 21, 1972.

Chief Clerk of the House

I hereby certify that H.C.R. No. 15 was unanimously adopted
by a rising vote of the Senate on June 22, 1972.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

6-29-72

Date

Signed

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

3:00 PM O'CLOCK

JUN 29 1972

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Secretary of State

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JUN 21 1972

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY RISING VOTE.

Dorothy Hallman
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

JUN 21 1972

SENT TO ENGRAVING CLERK

By: Von Dohlen

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6-21-72 Read and unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House.

Dorothy Hallman
Chief Clerk, H. of R.

6-21-72 Sent to Engrossing Clerk.

6-21-72 Engrossed.

Oreos Suggins
Engrossing Clerk, H. of R.

JUN 22 1972 RETURNED FROM ENGROSSING CLERK SENT TO THE SENATE
JUN 22 1972

IN THE SENATE
Received from the House

JUN 22 1972

Immediate consideration ordered by
unanimous consent.

JUN 22 1972 Read and Adopted.

Charles Schnabel

Secretary of the Senate

by rising vote

JUN 26-1972 SENT TO HOUSE

JUN 26 1972
RETURNED FROM SENATE

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

JUN 26 1972 SENT TO ENROLLING CLERK